IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the below-identified paragraphs of the specification with the following replacement paragraphs set forth in re-written "clean form":

On page 1, lines 4-8:

-- This application claims the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of the following United States provisional patent application: Provisional Application No. 60/266,331, filed March 30, 2000. --

On page 24, line 28, to page 25, line 5:

-- Using primer pair MuSK1380F and 1657R results in the deletion of amino acid residues 538 – 869 of MuSK-R, using primer pair MuSK1380F and 1747R results in the deletion of amino acid residues 577 - 869. The two mutant forms of MuSK-R are designated MuSK-RΔ538-869 (MuSK-RI) and MuSK-RΔ577-869 (MuSK-RII). In both MuSK-RI and MuSK-RII most of the intracellular domain of MuSK-R as shown in Figure 2 is deleted. While not meant to limit the invention in any manner, it is believed that both truncations result in a deletion of the kinase domain and most of the substrate binding motifs of the wt MuSK-R illustrated in Figure 2. --

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